

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [013] on page 5 of the Specification as follows:

[013] Figure 1 is a diagram illustrating a system for integrating a portable image capture device into a workflow process in accordance with one preferred embodiment of the present invention. The system 10 includes one or more portable image capture devices 12 coupled to a computer system 14, preferably via a network. The image capture device 12 is equipped to capture digital images and to optionally enable the recording of sound/voice and the capture of text in a digital format. The image capture device 12 may also provide wireless networking services. Examples of portable image capture devices that meet these criteria and are available for business consumer use include camera-enabled cellular telephones and personal digital assistants (PDAs), digital cameras, and the like.

Please amend paragraph [015] beginning on page 5 of the Specification as follows:

[015] The image capture device 12 is provided with an executable file 18, which may be built-in or downloaded from the computer system 14, for execution by the image capture device 12. In the preferred embodiment, the executable file could be a script, an application, an applet, or a data file. The executable file 18 includes instructions concerning the workflow process and one or more templates 20 that require input captured by the image capture device 12 in order to create documents. According to the present invention, through the executable file 18, the image capture device 12 directs a user to capture certain data, and then automatically inserts the data into corresponding locations in the template 20 and thus creating a document 21, thereby automating part or all of the workflow process, such as the generation of catalog or web pages. Some workflow processes require verification that the document 21 has been created by an authorized party and that it has not [[be]] been modified by any unauthorized party. The advantage of generating documents 21 on the device 12 is that documents 21 can be created using a format that supports document signing such as PDF. This prevents tampering with the document 21 as document 21 as it moves through the workflow process. Formats such as PDF also allow verification of the time a document 21 was created.

Please amend paragraph [016] beginning on page 6 of the Specification as follows:

[016] A method for integrating the portable image capture device 12 into a workflow process is described with reference to the block flow diagram of Figure 2. The process ensues with activation of the device 12 (step 50). The activation includes a user turning on the portable image capture device 12 and entering any necessary authentication data (e.g., voice, text, biometric, electronic). Once activated, initiation of the device 12 for use in a workflow process occurs by executing the appropriate executable file 18 (step 52). Once the workflow process is initiated, the device 12 directs collection of data by prompting the [[use]] user to capture data (step 54). For example, when a template 20 has been selected and retrieved in the first embodiment, certain places in the template 20 are recognized by the device 12 as requiring data input, usually in the form of an image. Once the data collection directing is completed, the executable file 18 integrates the collected data into the workflow process by automatically associating the collected data with the template 20 thereby creating a new document 21 (step 56). If needed, the document 21 can be generated in a format which can be digitally signed in order to verify the creator and the time created.

Please amend paragraph [018] beginning on page 7 of the Specification as follows:

[018] Figure 3 is a flow diagram illustrating the method of Figure 2 in further detail in accordance with a first preferred embodiment of the present invention. In this embodiment, workflow initiation occurs by the user selecting a workflow process document template, e.g., an insurance claim form template, from a displayed list of available templates in the device 12 (step 70). The template(s) 20 are retrieved from memory (step 72), such as from storage on a memory card device that is inserted in/made accessible to the device 12 or they may be received via a network connection. Thus, for each of the places in the template 20 recognized as requiring the input of data, the device 12 prompts the user (step 74), such as through audio or visual prompts, to capture specific images and/or to enter text or voice data for the one or more predetermined data entry points. The device 12 then generates the corresponding document 21 by document 21 by embedding the captured image(s) and any text data directly into the template 20 (step 76).

Please amend paragraph [021] on page 9 of the Specification as follows:

[021] When the selected workflow activity is initiated, the device 12 prompts the user for the data to be collected (step 102), where the association of the workflow activity to a particular template ID indicates to the device 12 which data is needed. In a preferred embodiment, each available workflow activity 15 is associated with a set of input identifiers using a template identifier (ID), where each template ID has an associated set of input identifiers which link the data to be ~~capture~~ captured to appropriate places in the identified template 20. The terms link and input identifier are used interchangeably. These input identifiers may also indicate to the device 12 the prompts needed for data collection. In order to utilize the data, preferably a naming convention is chosen that allows for association of each collected data set with the input identifiers (step 104). For example, this may be done by generating separate files for the data collected, such that each file has a name that matches the input identifier to which it is associated. Alternately, the device 12 can generate a single file containing the image, text data or voice recording and each input identifier is associated with the name of the file. Or, the device can embed the image, data, and/or voice recording in the same file as the associated input identifier(s). Of course, any combination of these methods may be used.

Please amend paragraph [022] on page 10 of the Specification as follows:

[022] If some of the data entered is voice data, then the template ID, input identifier data for the voice data, and voice recordings are sent to a transcription service 22 (step 106), which extracts the voice data and converts the voice to text, then associates the input identifiers with the transcribed text through one of the linking methods. If the device 12 has network capabilities, the device 12 transfers the template ID, input identifier information, captured data, and any transcribed data to the appropriate location for the next step in the workflow process (step 108). Otherwise, the data is uploaded to the computer system 12 where it is then transferred to the appropriate location for the next step in the workflow process. When documents are needed, the computer system 12 uses the template ID of the needed document template to retrieve the correct template 20 (step 110). The input identifier information for that template 20 is then used in order

to complete the association of the captured data with its proper location in the generated document 21 (step 112).

Please amend paragraph [023] on page 10 of the Specification as follows:

[023] A method and system for integrating use of a portable image capture device into a workflow process has been disclosed. Although the present invention has been described in accordance with the embodiments shown, one of ordinary skill in the art will readily recognize that there could be variations to the embodiments and those variations would be within the spirit and scope of the present invention. Accordingly, many modifications may be made by one of ordinary skill in the art without departing from the spirit and scope of the appended claims.[[.]]